May 2021 Virtual Calendar of Events for Children, Teens, & Families

While the Library is reopening on Thursday, April 29th (more info here including the link to book your Trove visit!), all of our programs will continue online for the foreseeable future. In addition to our variety of programs and presentations for youth of all ages this month, I'd like to particularly call attention to our slate of programming for our youngest patrons—including storytimes with Trove librarians; Bilingual Music Time with Nancy Hershatter; Rock Out! with Spencer Corona; Storybook Dancing with Steffi Nossen School of Dance; Move & Groove with Miss Jolie; Music, Dance and Comedy Bubble Show from Turtle Dance Music; and STEAM-azing program from TaleWise. Join us on Zoom for these events and more! Find a full listing of events below with details on attending. And if you’d like to hear more from me about our programs and services for youth, be sure to sign up for What's the Story? here.

And don’t forget, you can reach us Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 914-422-1400, by texting WPPL to 66746, or by emailing us anytime.

Take care,
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To attend a virtual event, either register through the provided link or, if attendance is open, visit the link for We appreciate support from the
information on joining on the date the event occurs. Events for parents are in orange, kids and family events are in yellow, teen events are in green, and events for assorted age groups are in blue. NOTE: To increase security in youth-focused programs, we are now requiring attendees to have a Zoom account to login to the event. Creating an account is easy and free.

Storytime for Ages 2-6
Tuesday, May 4, 11, & 18
Thursday, May 6
11:00 – 11:35 a.m.
Virtual storytime with Trove Librarians for ages 2-6.
For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 5/4, 5/6, 5/11, 5/18.

Virtual Table Top Games
Monday, May 3 & 17
4:30-6:00 p.m.
Join librarians Ashley and Erik from the Trove and the Edge to play fun virtual table top games! We use the platform boardgamearena.com to play the games while we have a conversation on Zoom. Kids and teens who haven’t come to the program before will need to create a free account on boardgamearena.com. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 5/3, 5/17.
Sit Down and Write
Thursday, May 6, 13, 20, & 27
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Set aside 30 minutes for some creative writing time. Each week, we'll spend quiet time working on a different writing prompt. This program is intended for grades 4-8; teens who would like to attend are welcome to do so. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27.

Mindful Origami
Wednesday, May 12
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Origami, which entails slowing down, patience, focus, and acceptance of imperfection, can be a wonderful way of practicing mindfulness. Join origami artist and teacher Talo Kawasaki to create simple yet satisfying folded pieces that you can keep or share as gifts. Kawasaki has decades of experience as a teacher and origami artist. He has been the co-designer of the Museum of Natural History’s Origami Holiday Tree and is featured in the “Elephant Origami Challenge” on YouTube, promoting wildlife conservation. Those signed up will be notified when they can

Zoom Tips
Wednesday, May 12
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Participants of this session will learn tips and tricks for attending (and hosting) Zoom events. For teens and adults. Click here to register.

Project LIT Kids Book Discussion
Wednesday, May 12
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Join librarians Ashley and Caroline for a book discussion and trivia game for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. We will be reading A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat. Please register and then place a hold on the print book using our
pick up their bag of program supplies from the Library. Adults & teens welcome! **Click here** to register.

**Virtual Youth Meet-up**  
**Thursday, May 13**  
5:00-5:45 p.m.  
Have a computer or smartphone? Join Austin and Kat in a new, virtual online space for teens using the Roblox platform. Participate in a variety of fun activities with friends! **Register in advance here.**

**Bilingual Music Time (PreK-Gr. 2)**  
**Friday, May 14**  
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.  
Join Nancy Hershatter for a fun bilingual music program! **For information on joining, click here.**

**Storybook Dancing**  
**Thursday, May 13**  
11:00 – 11:40 a.m.  
Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents Virtual Storybook Dancing! Stretch, dance, hear stories, and have fun! **For information on joining, click here.**

**Simple Sewing for Tweens & Teens**

catalog [here](#). If you prefer the eBook, you can find it on [OverDrive](#) and [Libby]. **Click here** to register.
Project LIT Book Club for Teens
Friday, May 14
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Join librarians Kat and Lauren for a book discussion and a trivia game. This month’s book is a Project LIT title, *Slay* by Brittany Morris. The book is available on OverDrive and in print at the Library. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to attend. *For information on attending, click here.*

10 Tips for Container Gardening
Sunday, May 16
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Surrounding yourself with abundance in containers is so rewarding, though far from foolproof. Here are the keys to success from a lifelong container gardener, upstate native, and co-founder of Fruition Seeds, Petra Page-Mann. *For adults and teens. Register in advance here.*

Friday, May 14
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Practice your hand-sewing skills with an easy project: small fabric trays. Registration is limited and required. Those signed up will be notified when they can pick up their bag of program supplies from the Library. Everything needed will be in the kit. *Click here to register beginning 4/30.*

TaleWise presents:
Dragons: Return of the Ice Sorceress
Tuesday, May 18
2:00-2:45 p.m.
Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and learn about popular online library resources. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome.
For adult and teens.
Register in advance here.

3D Design Help
Wednesday, May 19
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 25
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Do you need help with a 3D model you are working on or simply want to learn the basics of 3D design? Sign up and get help from Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney in a one-on-one virtual session. For all ages.
This event is supported by Con Edison. Register in advance for the date(s) you wish to attend: 5/19, 5/25.

TaleWise presents fun, interactive programs with humor, animation, STEAM activities and learning.
DRAGONS: RETURN OF THE ICE SORCERESS! A long time ago, in a faraway land, two brave villagers go on a daring journey to release the dragon and save their kingdom from the Evil Ice Sorceress. Learn about bubbles, ice, volcanoes and more! For grades K-8. For information on joining, click here.

Turtle Dance Music Show: Swing Into Spring
Thursday, May 20
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Join Turtle Dance Music for an AWESOME Music, Bubble and Comedy Show! Each song is accompanied by hands-on, visual, and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time. For ages 2-6 and their families. For information on attending click here.
Virtual Chess Sessions
Thursday, May 20
5:00-5:45 p.m.
Sign up for a chess session with Austin Olney, the library’s Digital Media Specialist, and challenge him to a match! For beginners, instruction will be provided, and for experts, strategy will be discussed. For children and teens. Register in advance here.

Rock out with Spencer!
Friday, May 21
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Rock out with Spencer from wherever you are! Music, fun, dancing and more for ages 2-6. For information on joining, click here.

Origami for Families
Saturday, May 22
2:00–3:00 p.m.
Join Talo Kawasaki from Resobox for some fun origami projects. This event is intended for families with children in grades 3 and up.

7 Keys to Resilient Gardening in a Changing Climate
Sunday, May 23
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
With the right attention, techniques, timing, and seeds, our gardens will surround us with beauty and
Registration is required; supplies will be provided. Please enter an email address at registration to allow for coordination of supply pickup. Click here to register starting May 1st.

Truth vs. Disinformation: Turning the Tide Against Social Media Manipulation
Monday, May 24
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Professor Tom Palmer will provide metaliteracy tools that attendees can use to help friends and family examine information shared online.
Professor Palmer will introduce metaliteracy principles for observing and detecting the origin of disinformation and how it expands through social media channels via unsuspecting citizens. Click here to register.

abundance even as our seasons grow more unpredictable. Come laugh and learn the keys to surround yourself and your community with abundance for generations to come with Petra Page-Mann, a life-long gardener of the Finger Lakes. Click here to register.

Move & Groove with Miss Jolie
(Ages 1-6+)
Tuesday, May 25
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Miss Jolie’s Music & Movement Class infuses learning and movement with music, stories, and lots of silliness! Jolie brings a twist to classic children’s music in addition to engaging children with original interactive songs. Singing, dancing, clapping, snapping, and stomping are highly encouraged! Jolie performs with her ukulele along with other musical instruments and props for the children. For ages 1-6, but open to all. For information on joining, click here.
STEAM: Phases of the Moon (Grades K-3)
Tuesday, May 25
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
To celebrate National Space Day, we will be reading *Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed. Next, we will create a fun STEAM phases of the moon craft! Registration required. Please be sure to include an EMAIL ADDRESS or PHONE NUMBER in your registration in order to be contacted to pick up your Kit for participation in the program. Click here to register.

Remote Creative Design for Youth and Parents
Thursday, May 27
5:00 – 5:45 p.m.
There are so many ways for youth to be digitally creative, whether it is coding, animation, game development, 3D modeling, audio/video editing, music making or something else altogether! This session will provide individualized help in either learning one of these skills or solving a particular, related issue. Whether a beginner or expert, all are welcome to join. Click here to register.